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REMARKS

Restriction was required between the Group I set of claims 1-12 drawn to coil arrangement for electrical machines and the Group II set of claims 13-15 drawn to an apparatus and method of winding electrical conductor. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the grounds of claims 13-15 are not drawn to a method but are instead drawn to an apparatus for winding an electrical conductor with a number of turns whereas claims 1 to 12 are drawn to a coil arrangement on electrical machine in which "an electrical conductor is wound with a plurality of turns". Thus, there is no distinction between for example, independent claim 1 and independent claim 13. The Office Action indicates that the winding arrangement as defined by claims of Group I can be made by hand. Applicants submit that this has no relationship to claim 13, which is an apparatus claim whether or not it could be made by hand.

In order to be responsive, Applicants provisional elect Group I set of claims 1-12.

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Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a further and thoroughly examination on the merits of this application containing claims 1-15.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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